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In re Application of

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RAMAN AMPLIFIER AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THEREOF, METHOD OF FABRICATING OF OPTICAL COUPLER, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Please amend the claims as reflected in the "Amendment to the Claims" on page 2 of this preliminary amendment.